

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicants have submitted a new set of claims addressing aspects of the present invention. Applicants believe that the new set of claims is patentable. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner pass the case to issue at the earliest convenience. Should the Examiner have any question or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (248) 593-9900.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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